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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This paper is timely filed in response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

- I. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2;
- II. The Remarks begin on page 31; and
- III. The Conclusion begins on page 39.